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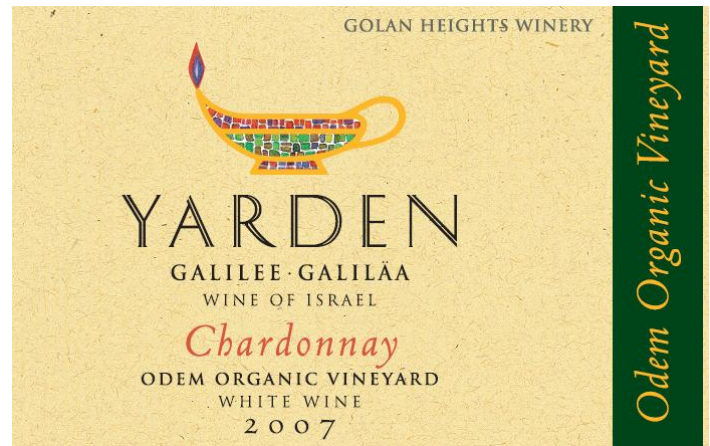
The Wine

The aromatic **2007 Yarden Chardonnay Odem Organic Vineyard** shows off a dazzling array of characters, from mineral to floral, from lemon to spice, from ripe apple to juicy pear.

This wine combines full flavor with elegant drinkability.

One can enjoy **Yarden Chardonnay Odem Organic Vineyard** immediately upon release but the wine will continue to improve significantly over about three years from the vintage and remain in good drinking condition for up to about seven years from harvest. The bold flavors of Odem can stand up to boldly flavored food. A good pair would be a halibut

fillet covered with a ground hazelnut crust, quickly pan-fried then finished under the broiler to a golden brown.



The Vintage

A dry winter preceded the 2007 season, resulting in 81% of normal rainfall. A cold March and April gave way to a warm period lasting through the end of July. August and September, our most stable months, did not disappoint us again this year, bringing exactly average temperatures coupled with zero rain- a winegrowing paradise. A warm October shortened the tail of vintage, resulting in a relatively short 13-week harvest. Low yields (8% below expected) helped contribute to a vintage of excellent overall quality.

Odem is the highest altitude and coolest wine vineyard in Israel. At just under 1,200 meters (4,000 ft) in elevation, this site has been producing outstanding Chardonnay since it was first planted in 1989. The vineyard has been farmed organically since 1998.

Yarden Chardonnay Odem Organic Vineyard ferments and ages in French oak barrels for seven months.

The Analyses

% Alc (v/v)	14.5
TA (g/l)	5.6
pH	3.57
RS	DRY

The Appellation

The Galilee (or Galil) is the most northern, and generally considered the best, appellation in Israel. The highest quality area within the appellation is the Golan Heights (or simply the Golan), the coldest region in Israel. The vineyards on this volcanic plateau rise from 400 meters (1,300 feet) above sea level to 1,200 meters (3,900 feet) and receive snowfall in the winter. The Golan Heights Winery is located in the town of Katzrin, in the central Golan.



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